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1. TODAY I RECEIVED FROM THE RT.HON. JAMES CALLAGHAN,
LABOUR SHADOW MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, A LETTER
DATED 29 SEPTEMBER, AS FOLLOWS:

QTE: DEAR WALTER, I AM VERY GLAD TO SEE THAT HENRY
KISSINGER IS COMING OVER TO THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PILGRIMS
DINNER. I EXPECT TO BE AT IT MYSELF BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE
AN OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH
HIM, WHILE HE IS HERE, IN MY CAPACITY AS LABOUR PARTY
SPOKESMAN ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. I SHOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL
IF HE COULD FIT THIS INTO HIS PROGRAMME. YOURS SINCERELY,
JIM CALLAGHAN UNQTE.

2. WHILE I AM RELUCTANT TO ADD TO DEMANDS ON SECRETARY'S
TIME DURING HIS LONDON VISIT, THE LABOUR PARTY IS NOW IN
A TOUCHY MOOD AND CALLAGHAN HIMSELF TENDS TO BE SENSITIVE
ABOUT WHAT HE REGARDS AS THE PREROGATIVES OF HIS POSITION;
THEREFORE, I RECOMMEND THAT THE SECRETARY ACCEDE TO HIS
REQUEST FOR A MEETING.

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